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Council doles out block grant funds

by Cheryl Cohen

This year, Lemon Grove has allocated a total of $15,000 for the community promotions portion of their yearly budget, which totals over $8 million. The unallocated portion remaining in that account totaled just over $7,800.

There was just one problem, the same one they encounter every year: requests totaling more than $34,000 had to be addressed and some simply weren't going to make the cut.

The short term answer was to grant amounts as they could. The long-term solution was to resolve to make efforts to find permanent funding sources other than city funds for some of the requests.

Usually, city council waits until months after the budget is passed to decide which service clubs and other hopeful recipients will be granted monies from the city. In the meantime, various groups continue to put in their bids for a piece of the pie.

This year was no exception. Requests came in from Little League, the Lemon Grove Chamber of Commerce, Lemon Grove Historical Society, San Diego East Visitor's Bureau and East County Performing Arts Center.

In addition, Mayor Mary Sessom wanted to allocate $100 for scholarships (in the form of four $25 savings bonds) for the council pages, students from Palm Middle School who assist at the council meetings.

Councilman Tom Clabby also brought forth the cost of the official Lemon Grove flag, which will total between $1,500 and $2,000 for the graphic artist and manufacturing costs.

Little League was the only real loser; their request for some $20,000 was denied. Councilman Craig Lake cited the amount of labor and materials donated to refurbish their ball field by the Paint Lemon Grove project in October.

Council was quick to point out that any of the requesters could re-apply for funds from next year's budget.

City Manager Doug Yount said that after January "adjustments" and other previously allocated obligations, there will be a balance of between $30,000 - $50,000 in the General Fund reserve account. That cleared the way for council to move over needed monies to the community promotions account and fund the rest of the requests.

The Chamber of Commerce received $5,000, along with $500 in dues for their membership in the East County Economic Development Council.

Councilmembers encouraged them to explore grants from Transient Occupancy Tax funds as a more permanent source of funding.

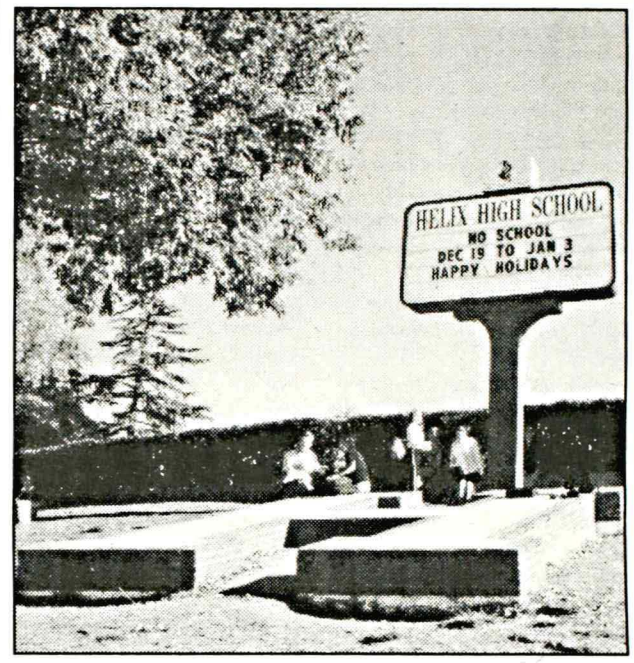
The historical society was granted a total of $666 to help pay for an engineering study which was performed.

Although they are outside of direct Lemon Grove interests, the San Diego East Visitor's Bureau was given $2,000 and ECPAC $1,000.

Councilmembers' justification was that these agencies involve Lemon Grove in areas that the city does not or cannot do for itself.

Two thousand dollars will be moved from the General Fund to cover anticipated additional requests from the Lemon Grove Food Bank and Adopt-A-Child programs, along with the eventual costs for the city flag.

School's out



Helix High School students bask in the winter sunshine and the promise of a two-week break. *Photo by Trudy Thomas*

BBB says use your brain when giving from heart

Donations to charities normally increase in December because people feel more humanitarian during the holiday season. But it's naughty, not nice, when your contribution goes to a scamster operating a phony charity.

During this time of year, it pays to be careful and ask lots of questions when you read or hear about some desperate need for donations that tugs at your heartstrings, according to the San Diego Better Business Bureau (BBB).

Statistics show Americans give more than $70 billion per year in charitable donations (excluding religious donations). A pool of money that deep inevitably leads to some profiteering and abuse.

"It's bad enough when your contribution goes to a well-intentioned charity that inefficiently spends its funds or uses the money primarily on more fund-raising appeals," said Gerry Wilson, local BBB president. "But it's far worse when a noble-sounding, fraudulent charity misrepresents its fund-raising intentions and solicits donations for bogus causes. Unfortunately, it happens a lot, especially during the holiday season."

So, whom can you trust during the holidays? The answer: not every charity that is pleading for money, warns the BBB.

"Our bottom-line advice is enjoy the giving spirit, go ahead and give, but give wisely," Wilson said.

Here's some guidelines on holiday charity giving:

• Always ask for printed material so you can evaluate any requests for money. Brochures or solicitation material should include a clear description of how funds will be spent.

• Soliciting organizations, if asked, should provide annual financial statements that provide information on sources and uses of funds. If an outside fund-raising group is used, the terms of compensation also should be available.

• Be wary of charities that harass you to contribute or use strongly emotional appeals that may distort the charity's purpose. Be skeptical if someone thanks you for a pledge you don't remember making. If you feel pressure to give money on-the-spot by a pleading person on the phone or at the door, think twice.

Beware of appeals that bring tears to your eyes but tell you nothing about the charity or what it is doing about the problems it describes so well. Among the most popular sob-stories: homeless children, starving children, AIDS victims, battered women, deranged veterans and abused animals.

• Be aware that some questionable charities will deceive consumers by playing on name recognition and operate under titles that sound similar to legitimate groups. Be cautious of unfamiliar organizations with the words veterans, cancer, children, widows, orphans and animals in their titles.

For example, notice the names of questionable charities that did *not* meet philanthropic standards set by the Council of Better Business Bureaus, as opposed to the names of groups which did.

Did not meet standards:

Grant A Wish Network, Children's Wish Foundation International, Cancer Fund of America, National Cancer Center, National Cancer Coalition, Pacific West Cancer Fund, Children's Mercy Fund, Children's Charity Fund, Handicapped Children's Services, Missing Kids International

Did meet standards:

Make A Wish Foundation of America, American Cancer Society, Save The Children Federation, Help the Children.

• Don't allow a "runner" to pick up a contribution; carefully check out any organization that applies unwarranted pressure and insists you send money right away. The charity that needs your money today will welcome it just as much tomorrow.

• Don't give your credit card number over the telephone to anyone soliciting your contribution. Telephone scams for all kinds of causes and products are widespread.

• Don't believe it just because you saw it on the Internet. Honest charities have easy access to the Net, but so do unscrupulous operators. A fancy Web site does not necessarily mean that a charity is above board.

• Check with the Better Business Bureau before opening your wallet. It's better to give than to receive, but not if that gift ends up in the hands of scam artists.

Phone the bureau's free 24-hour Consumer Helpline at 496-2131 or 1-800-600-7050 to obtain free information on legitimate charities, as well as a list of BBB member companies in a particular type of industry.

Now celebrating its 76th anniversary in San Diego County, the BBB is San Diego's, largest county-wide business organization.

The non-profit organization, supported by more than 3,500 local member businesses, provides the largest free service of its kind to San Diego consumers with reports on more than 42,000 local businesses.

CYT enrolling for winter

Christian Youth Theater (CYT) will begin the 1999 Winter Term offering classes beginning the week of Jan.4.

Children age 6 though 18 may register for a 10-week term of classes ranging from basic singing, dancing and acting to a variety of advanced theater skills training courses by calling 800-696-1929 or 588-0206.

Auditions for enrolled students will be held Jan. 8 in each area. Registered students who are at least 8 years old are eligible to audition for a fully staged musical to be produced during February and March.

Children ages six and seven join "Our Gang" and learn the basics of musical theater.

Registration may be done over the phone or at the first class day. Tuition for the 10-week term is $105 for Our Gang (students 6-7) and $120 for students 8-18.

Students may attend classes from 4 - 6 p.m. on Tuesday or Wednesday. Classes begin Jan. 5 and 6 at the facilities of the First United Methodist Church, 4690 Palm Ave. in La Mesa. Students from Lemon Grove, Santee, La Mesa, El Cajon, Lakeside, San Carlos and the College area may sign up for a class on either day.

Holidays from Hell:

The Life and Times of a Retail Clerk

by Andrea Hughes

Working retail during the Christmas season may be a good-paying job, but the demands and suffering one goes through may not be worth it.

I was recently hired for seasonal help at a local department store. The manager who hired me said I wouldn't get more than possibly 20 hours a week.

Not!

I work every day and pretty close to 40 hours a week. My days off are routinely cancelled at the last minute and my breaks all but eliminated.

I got sick and was told that if I didn't come to work, I would be fired.

Now, if that doesn't sound too bad, wait until you actually work at a store during Christmas.

Every day there's refunds, impatient customers and tired co-workers. It becomes almost a dread to go to work.

The other day, I was happy going into work, buoyed by a delightful Christmas spirit. Then Mrs. Scrooge walked up to my counter, obviously afluster.

"Excuse me," she said. "I just can't find the right shade of blue jeans for my daughter."

Shade of blue?

I took her over to our Levi's and showed her what we had. For 20 minutes, I showed her three times what we had in stock — every blue, black, white, green and brown pair of jeans we had. She still wasn't quite sure what "blue" she wanted.

"Are you sure you want to get her jeans?" I finally asked.

"Hmm, maybe my daughter would like a pair of your flare jeans."

Well, we only sell two brands of that type of Levi's, but at least she had narrowed her search down.

We looked and looked and still could not resolve the jean dilemma. The lady found the color and type she wanted, but then didn't know her daughter's size.

"I find your store to be quite rude," she said with a scowl. "You have been no help to me and I found you rather unwilling to help me. I will just go somewhere else to find what I am looking for!"

With that she was gone. I wanted to say "well, well" for you, good-bye and please don't come back, but cheerfully I ended it with "Have a Merry Christmas, Miss."

Mrs. Scrooge wasn't the first or the last. Day after day, we see at least a hundred people passing through the store, looking for an item and getting upset when we don't carry it or have it in stock. Instead of saying "do you know where I can get that same item somewhere else," they get angry.

I went to work Tuesday around 10 in the morning expecting to ease into the day. The store was already crowded with people.

I knew it was going to be a long day, but I figured if I smiled and said "thank you" to all the angry hordes, everything would be OK.

Things were going fine until one lady confronted me about a refund. I have no problem with refunds (actually, I think I am best at those), but not today.

The lady wanted to return a pair of pants that she said she had bought at our store, so I asked for the receipt.

"Oh ... I don't have it," she said.

"That's fine," I said with a smile. "We can do a refund without the receipt, all I need is your driver's license."

Never have I seen anyone get so upset about being asked for a license. This lady got mean.

"Why do you need to see my license?" she exclaimed. "I don't have to give it to you! That is none of your business! I have never had to show it before, that is very personal ..."

She went on with all sorts of reasons. I simply told her that it was the only way I could refund the pants and items she wanted returned.

Finally, I called over the manager on duty, who told her the same thing.

"Well fine," she said, "if you won't give my money back, then I will find someone who will."

She went over to the next cashier's station and was told the same thing. After two more times of trying, the lady walked out of the store screaming and yelling about how she'd be back, and it wouldn't be to return anything, it would be to sue us.

All of this because she didn't want to show her driver's license.

I often dream about being a customer and not the employee. I don't think when I am the customer, I have ever treated anyone rude. I give them respect, especially now that I know what they go through.

It is amazing how many people out there get rude and mean during the holidays. Isn't this supposed to be the time for giving and loving?

Christmas shopping is definitely the busiest time of the year, but it doesn't have to be, if people remain calm and relaxed. Just accept that the lines are long everywhere, and if we all keep smiling, we just might survive the holidays.

County departments schedule skeleton crews for holidays

San Diego County offices and departments will be affected by closures and reduced staffing throughout the holiday season.

Those seeking county assistance or services are encouraged to call ahead to confirm availability and hours of operation. Emergency, critical care and crisis line services will remain available.

The following offices will be closed Dec. 24 - 25, and Dec. 31 - Jan. 1: Air Pollution Control District, Animal Control, Chief Administrative Office, Citizens Law Enforcement Review Board, certain Health and Human Services Agency departments, Human Resources, Medical Examiner, and certain Probation Department functions.

The Treasurer-Tax Collector's office will be closed Dec. 24 - 25 and Jan. 1.

Other holiday closures include: Health and Human Services Agency administration, Dec. 28 through Jan. 1; Area Agency on Aging, Dec. 24 through Jan. 1; Environmental Health public counters, Dec. 24 through Jan. 1; Parks and Recreation administrative office, Dec. 21 through

Jan. 1 (all County parks will remain open except for Christmas Day, when day use parks will be closed); Planning and Land Use, Dec. 24 through Jan. 1 (clerks will be available to take calls to schedule building inspections for Dec. 28-30); Land Development Division of Public Works, Dec. 24 through Jan. 1; and Registrar of Voters, Dec. 21 through Dec. 25.

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Three finalists named for Grossmont

Three finalists for Grossmont College president have been recommended by the Presidential Search Committee and forwarded to Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Chancellor Omero Suarez.

The three candidates are Christopher Cole O'Hearn, Dr. Bonnie L. Rogers and Dr. Ted Martinez Jr.

"We have three excellent candidates," said Suarez. "Grossmont College deserves outstanding leadership and I am confident that one of these finalists will be an excellent match."

O'Hearn's professional experience includes vice president of instruction at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, Calif., and dean of academic affairs at Los Angeles Harbor College in Wilmington, Calif.

In addition to his administrative experience, the Manhattan Beach resident has taught English in Southern California sites for 20 years including El Camino College in Torrance, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles Harbor College, Occidental College and Pepperdine University.

He earned his master's degree in educational administration from Loyola-Marymount University in Los Angeles and is enrolled in a doctoral program at Graduate School of America, Minneapolis, Minn.

Rogers is president of Porterville College in Porterville, Calif., and was provost of Mt. San Jacinto College, Menifee Valley Campus in Menifee, Calif.

She lives in Porterville and participates on community boards including Tulare County Symphony Association, Supported Employment Advisory Council and Sequoia Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Rogers earned her doctorate in education administration and supervision (Community College Emphasis) from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

She also has a master's in library and information science, University of Maryland and was dean of learning resources at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo and dean of instructional resources at Palomar College in San Marcos.

Martinez is president of Richard J. Daley College, City Colleges of Chicago, in Illinois.

His 20 years of higher education experience includes associate vice chancellor, basic and continuing education at City Colleges of Chicago, various administrative positions at Dallas County Community College District and El Paso Community College. He also taught bilingual courses in business at El Paso Community College.

He earned his doctorate in educational administration from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

The three candidates will appear this week at separate forums, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Grossmont College, to discuss their candidacy and to answer questions from Grossmont faculty, staff and students.

For more information, call 644-7573.

State goes after late tax filers

The state is notifying a half million Californians who have not filed their 1997 income tax returns to file them now or receive a hefty tax assessment, according to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB).

Each year after the Oct. 15 extended due date passes, the FTB uses more than 200 million income records received from employers, banks, the Internal Revenue Service and other sources to compare the returns filed with the income information. FTB then contacts taxpayers who did not file.

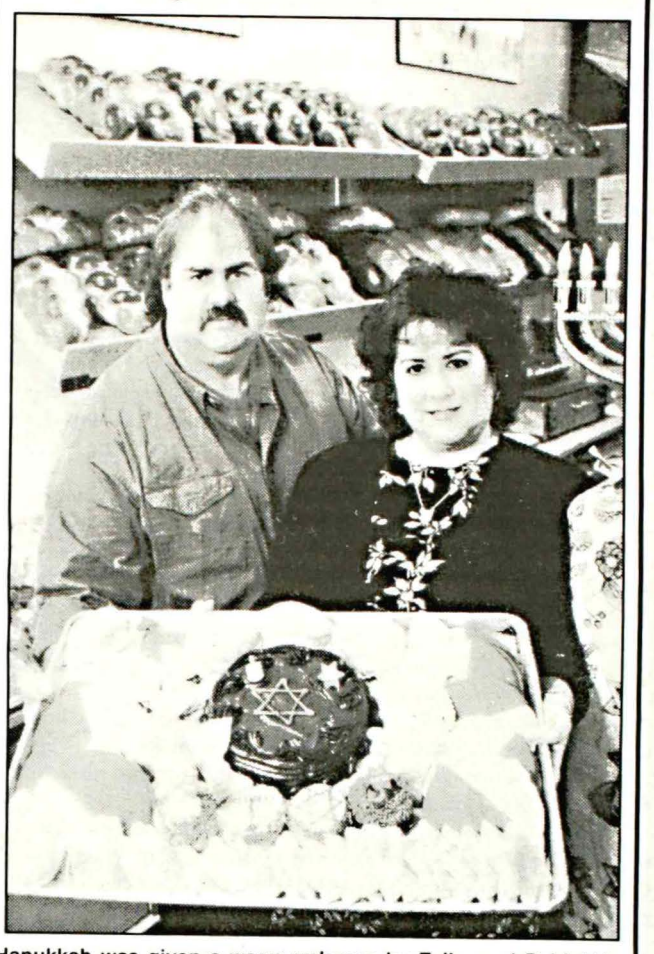
This year, FTB is also questioning 30,000 Californians who have paid more than $10,000 in home mortgage interest expense but have not filed a tax return. This information source gives FTB another tool in detecting non-compliance from self-employed individuals who are traditionally hard to find.

Individuals who did not file a return this year but received income from California sources or paid more than $10,000 in mortgage interest will receive a letter requesting the delinquent return.

The letter gives late filers 30 days to file their return or show why a tax return is not due. Those who ignore the letter will get a tax assessment with penalties of up to 50 percent of their tax liability and a $71 filing enforcement fee.

According to FTB, individuals with income of $10,384 or more ($20,768 for a married couple) last year are required to file a tax return. FTB urges those who receive the letter to respond immediately to avoid penalties. For questions about the notification letter, taxpayers can contact FTB toll-free at 1-800-545-5009.

Stars of the season



Hanukkah was given a warm welcome by Zvika and Debi Akin, owners of D.Z. Akin's Delicatessen Restaurant and Bakery. The Akin crew is busy making potato *latkes* and *sufganiyot*, a type of jelly-filled doughnut, for the holidays.

East County Theater Guide

Octad-One Productions
10009 Maine Ave., Lakeside (561-9823)
"The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon
Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.
Sunday, 2 p.m.
Tickets: $4 - $8

Christian Community Theater
Theatre East
210 E Main Street, El Cajon (588-0206)
"Traditions of Christmas"
Dec. 17 - 21, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 19 - 22, 2 p.m.
Tickets: $12 - $20

Rodeo Bar & Grill Dinner Theater
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Personal comments of Mayor Mary Sessom

SANDAG booklet very informative

I received a nice gift from SANDAG yesterday – an information booklet entitled *Profiling the Region's Jurisdictions*. I want to share with you some gems from this gift.

We live in the third smallest jurisdiction in the San Diego region in population and geographic size. In 1980, 210,800 people lived here. Between 1980 and 1990 we had a population increase of 15 percent. Since 1990, Lemon Grove has maintained a stable population level and the smallest increase in population (3 percent) of all the jurisdictions in San Diego County.

We are second only to Poway in terms of the proportion of single family housing units. Almost three out of four (73 percent housing units are single family units, 14 percentage points higher than the regional average.

Lemon Grove has the highest proportion of residential land of all the 18 cities at 58 percent and is only one of three cities where more than half of the land is in residential use.

The median household income is $39,000 – almost $2,500 less than the median for the San Diego region. However, a smaller proportion of our residents are below the poverty level (9 percent) than regionwide (11 percent)

Our retail sale figures have been increased due to significant development. Lemon Grove has a per capita retail sale figure ($7,900) that is higher than 12 of the other 19 jurisdictions and greater than the regional average of $6,000.

In terms of crimes per 1,000 population, we are in eighth place (El Cajon is second; La Mesa's fifth; and, Santee is 16th. We fare slightly worse when looking at violent crimes per 1,000 – seventh place to La Mesa's 10th, El Cajon's second; and, Santee's 17th.

All in all, Lemon Grove looks awfully good when compared to the rest of the San Diego Region. Your City Council and city staff will continue to do their best, with your help, to keep us competitive with the other 18 jurisdictions. This is truly something fine to celebrate for the New Year.

In fact, why wait until the New Year – come to the bonfire celebration on Saturday from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the corner of Church and Olive. Have some free cider and cookies, watch the kids skate or take a hay ride (donation of money or canned food for the Lemon Grove Food Bank).

WEATHER

The following information was provided by the National Weather Service.

		High	Low
December	7	65	35
December	8	63	38
December	9	70	38
December	10	73	45
December	11	73	43
December	12	80	41
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Lemon Twist

Vote and vote often!

by Cheryl Cohen

Get a sneak peek at the new millennium by watching the colorful slide and video presentation by Chuck Dappert of the San Diego Zoo Speakers Bureau at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 7 in the Lemon Grove Library as part of the Lemon Grove Historical Society's 1999 activity kickoff. The "mini-road show"reveals what the zoo and park will look like in the next century, along with what are promised to be "fascinating facts" about the fauna who share their habitat with humans, demonstrating "that truth really is stranger than fiction."

For further confirmation of that, witness the new ordinance that El Cajon is preparing to hand down to their residents regarding what they will be allowed to have in their front yards. Better hurry up and get that laundry done before Lemon Grove revives its own discussions on that subject, and yanks that washing machine right off your front porch!

If you've got 'em, smoke 'em – even with your drinks in hand – while shivering in a back patio near you at Dirk's Horseshoe Lounge. Just in advance of the actual privilege, you can watch drinkers celebrate by polluting their lungs with a little fresh air if you attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 29. Hang around for their Schnapps Special, where they test you before each refill by making you say "Schnapps Special" three times really fast without lisping.

I don't know about you, but I'm a little more hopeful this week; city council has postponed the final selection of the official flag for the city. There is a new process for deciding the winner, and it goes a little like this: My special friends, the Gaggle of Godly Guys (some of you know them as Lemon Grove clergymen) will decide upon three flag entries from the ones already submitted and posted on a display in City Hall. (This part should be accomplished by Jan. 31.) Then, the three finalist flags will be unfurled for further fame by being published right here in *The Review*. We'll assist the process by asking you, the Lemonite voter, to telephone in to a (yet-to-be-announced) phone number to cast your vote for the winning entry, (which will be made known at the first available city council meeting in February). As you might imagine, this can't be an easy process, or they'd have already figured out who won.

But now, even you can be a wiener, by helping to decide on the banner that will represent your lovely city. But, before you get too excited, here are the voting ground-rules: You must be a Lemon Grove resident. You must give your name and address when you tele-vote. You and your alter egos can only vote once (per body). You cannot whine into their voice mail about the cost to produce the flag, which should range from $1,500 - $2,000 and will come out of the city's community promotions budget. You cannot offer to sew it on your grandmother's Singer. You *are* allowed to whine, "Geez, it's too bad that Cheryl's not a Lemon Grove resident – I think her '99-cent' flag entry shoulda won." You *can* vote while smoking and drinking at Dirk's, but you probably cannot do it hopping up and down on one leg (after a couple of schnapps, that is).

If you missed the San Diego Civic Youth Ballet's performance of the Snow Queen last weekend, you really missed out. Artistic Director **Teresa Wells** did a stellar job with this year's presentation, although I had one heckuva time getting any information from their office about the East County kids who were dancing. Whichever ones they were, out of the more than 100 performing onstage, they did a wonderful job. If you want a truly fresh look at a ballet, go with a four-year old, like I did. They'll make sure you don't miss a thing.

Make sure nobody misses anything about your community event by sending information to *The Review* or directly to me at 264-3153 (msg.), 264-4180 (fax), or cirious@cts.com (E-mail). And, when casting your votes next month, remember – the Monkey Flag Rules!

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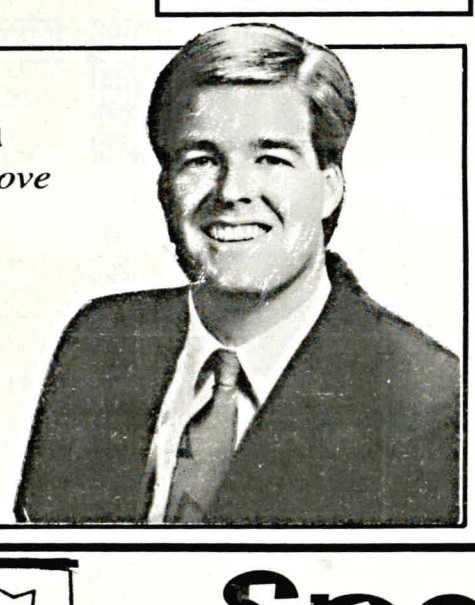

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The deadline for applying for UCSD's 1999 fall quarter is Jan. 29, 1999.

The EAH program offers exceptionally talented high school scholars the opportunity to enroll in UCSD while completing their senior year of high school.

Those students who decide to continue their studies at UCSD following high school graduation will automatically be enrolled without filing another application.

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The required minimum test scores on either PSA or SAT I are 620 for the verbal test and 560 for math.

Courses taken through the EAH program will become a permanent part of the student's academic record and grades are given according to University of California standards.

The purpose of the EAH program is threefold, according to coordinator Patricia C. Reiswig.

"First of all, we're providing advanced courses for students who want to follow a particular subject beyond the level offered in high school," Reiswig said.

"Students find they get first-hand experience of what college is like," she said. "By the time they enroll full-time, the adjustment is easier by far," said Reiswig.

"They're given an e-mail account with access to the Internet, as well as access to campus computer labs, free of charge. Plus they can explore the wealth of resources at the UCSD libraries."

Further information can be obtained by calling 534-4831.

Letters to the Editor

When the cat's away ...

In a sly move to further sock it to the citizens Of Lemon Grove, the Council, taking advantage of Councilman Craig Lake's absence in Kansas City on city business, rushed through a whopping 40-percent increase to their monthly raid on the city treasury. One might think that since they cut the once four meetings a month to two meetings a month they'd consider a cut in pay. (Silly me!)

Council members present at the meeting where the money grab was engineered claimed that being a councilperson was expensive. And if you consider that they also had voted themselves full medical and dental insurance, PERS (a tricky name for a retirement account), $100 per month car allowance, travel expenses and other goodies, then it is true that being a councilperson is expensive. Question is for whom is it expensive!?

Imperial Beach, with a comparable population count, pays its council members $300 per month. Lemon Grove paid $360 and council members will now slink away with $504 and a sly grin on their faces.

It is to be regretted that Craig Lake was not at the meeting because he has always been a voice of moderation and fairness and would surely have objected to another money grab. I refer, of course, to recent augmentation of the city manager's and the city attorney's bank accounts (since we're talking about money grabs.)

There is one major thing on our side: We citizens can bear it since there will be elections next year — there's only one month to next year — and I'm making a note on my 1999 calendar to remember for whom not to vote. I won't forget.

LEO BODIN
Lemon Grove

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
ROBYN MICHELLE CHATMAN

FOR CHANGE OF NAME(S)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME (CCP 1277)
CASE NUMBER: 725688

PETITIONER ROBYN MICHELLE CHATMAN HAS FILED A PETITION FOR AN ORDER TO CHANGE NAMES FROM ROBYN MICHELLE CHATMAN TO NJEMILE ZAKIYA SAUDA

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court in Department D-2 of the San Diego County Superior Court at the address shown above on JAN 7 1999 at 9:00 a.m. and show cause, if any they have, why the application for change of name should not be granted.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order To Show Cause be published in the LEMON GROVE REVIEW, a newspaper of general circulation published in this County, at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the day of the hearing.

DATE: NOV 10 1998

THOMAS J. WHELAN
Judge of the Superior Court

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Commentary

Seeing the light

by Paul Treske

By all accounts, this is supposed to be the season of lights. In Christian households, trees are festooned with colored lights, and often the exteriors of the home as well. In Jewish homes, menorahs burn brightly with Chanukah candles and Kwanzaa celebrations also have candles as the focal point of observance. Every downtown area or mall is colorfully decorated with lights and other symbols of brightness.

But in too many corners of the world, it is harder to find light or any sign of joyousness. In the Middle East, where both Judaism and Christianity saw their birth, there is anger, centuries old mistrust and stones and bullets flying in the street.

In Africa, close to one third of the population is infected with and dying from AIDS, with no end to this pandemic in sight. Russia is now little more than a gangster-driven state with poverty, starvation and despair at every turn. Central America counts its storm related dead in thousands and talks of an economy set back by fifty years. Finally, in our own capital, along with the gleaming White House Christmas trees we see a zealot-inspired impeachment process that finds its predecessors in the infamous Salem Witch Trials.

Those who know me well, know that I am not a pessimist by nature. A cynic perhaps, but not a pessimist. This is a season from which I eagerly seek warmth and renewal. There are a thousand individual stories at this time of year that speak of generosity and love, and if one views his world narrowly and personally, one can find joy and peace.

But I cannot help but be oppressed by the flood of news coming to us from all of the media. One would have to literally shut off the TV and radio, and burn the newspapers to retain a parochial view of this as a season of peace on earth and good will toward man. Sometimes, I try and for a moment or two relax with the good tidings of our celebrations. But man's inhumanity, ignorance and just plain stupidity overwhelm me when I open my eyes and ears again and I find little but the love and kindness of family and friends to brighten my world.

And so, to banish pessimism as much as possible, I heed the great English poet Matthew Arnold who, speaking of the dark and coldness of the world, advised us, "Ah love, let us be true to one another."

I cannot solve those great problems that affect the world; I can only worry about them. But with love, kindness and generosity I can do something good for those around me. So let that be our goal for this holiday season. Let us, indeed, be true to one another. For that is the real meaning of all of our current holidays.

PG Perspectives

Buyer Beware

by Phillip Giannangeli

We here at Forum Publications want to take this opportunity to warn our readers about a serious problem this holiday season. We know that all kinds of health concerns bubble up this time of the year and we want the reader to be aware of them.

We remind revelers that it is indeed possible to pick up anywhere from 15 - 25 unwanted pounds during the holiday season. We also warn them not to drink too much lest you spend part of the holidays recovering from the embarrassment of whatever happened at the holiday party and the rest of the holiday season in conference with a lawyer discussing exactly what DUI means.

We advise, too, not to let expectations get out of control. Soar too high and you could be on track for a good case of the holiday blues.

Now we are going to add one more warning to the list of concerns during this holiday season. This one is mainly for men, but it is important as well for the women who might inadvertently put their men at risk.

Men, do not engage in shopping this holiday season! Male readers, heed this warning. It could be very dangerous to your health to venture out into the mall. This warning is real. It is not a joke. I repeat, not a joke. As for the women reading this, do not put your men in danger. Believe me, this is not just another pathetic attempt by a man to get himself and other men out of the annual ordeal of holiday shopping.

Now, you might ask where do I get off making such wild assertions about men and shopping. You might think it's just another one of those typical, lame male excuses for not getting the right gift, at the right time, with the right sentiment.

Although there may be some truth to that, my warning comes from a legitimate source: a psychologist. His name is David Lewis. Here is some of what Mr. Lewis said in a column (Business Section, surprisingly not Currents & Arts) in the San Diego Union Tribune on Dec. 10, 1998.

Mr. Lewis was quoted as saying the following about men and shopping. "In some cases, when we looked at heart rate and blood pressure, this is something you'd expect to see in a fighter pilot going into combat or policemen going into dangerous situations."

He went on to point out that every man in his survey "registered considerable increases in blood pressure and heart rates while only 25 percent of women registered a significant change."

Now if that isn't enough of a warning about the dangers of shopping, I'm not sure what would constitute one. This is serious stuff.

In his study, Mr. Lewis selected 35 shoppers, gave them identical lists and sent them out shopping on Oxford Street in London. I think that the fact the study was conducted in London, where people tend to be more reserved and formal and would be less stressed out, ads even more to its conclusion; namely that shopping is far more dangerous for men than one might expect. Mr. Lewis' group ranged in age from 22 - 79, but no mention was made whether the 79-year-old was male or female. I trust the septuagenarian was female, or the study might have had to contend with a decedent and an autopsy to determine if shopping was the exact cause of death.

The study also found that most of the men would probably, in an innate attempt to ward off danger, choose the first possible gift they ran across rather than shop around for something better. That explains a lot, doesn't it, ladies?

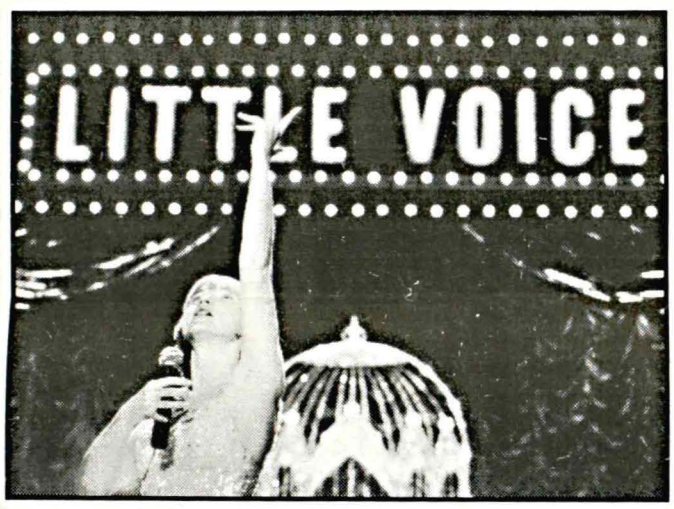
Should you want more information on this subject, Mr. Lewis is writing a book on the matter. One final comment from Lewis, though, might put the shopping-as-major-stress-for-males into a more understandable context. "Men like shopping, provided they're going out to buy a Lear jet or a Porsche or a computer or something — a toy for a boy. But when actually forced to do domestic shopping, that's when they become very stressed out and very fed up."

There you have it. If a man must shop this holiday season, he must shop for something meaningful. His health should not be jeopardized by forcing him to go holiday shopping for someone else.

Reel thoughts

'Little Voice' star has great big range

by Betty Jo Tucker



Jane Horrocks performed all the music live in Mark Herman's "Little Voice."

The voice on the phone belongs to Jane Horrocks, one of England's most popular stars of stage, screen, and television. She has won extensive critical acclaim in such diverse roles as Bubble, the public relations assistant in TV's "Absolutely Fabulous," an anorexic teen-ager in Mike Leigh's "Life is Sweet," and Lady MacBeth on the London stage.

Just listening to her charming British accent makes one long for a spot of tea and crumpets.

Horrocks talks about her new film, "Little Voice," with enthusiasm and candor. "I had no previous singing training," she admits.

This comes as quite a surprise, for the role she plays requires her to imitate a variety of famous singers.

"I've been able to mimic vocalists since I was a very young child," she explains. "I performed for my family and friends, but it took no conscious effort on my part."

When playwright Jim Cartwright offered to write a play showcasing her vocal talent, Horrocks felt "frightened to death." But her fine work in "The Rise and Fall of Little Voice" earned accolades from London theatrical audiences and critics alike.

For the film version, director Mark Herman knew no one else could do justice to the title role.

Of all the voices Horrocks does, Judy Garland is her favorite.

"There's nobody like Judy for me," she declares. "But she is the most difficult to do because her voice is pure magic."

Horrocks wants everyone to know all the songs in "Little Voice" are performed live because "it gives the cinema-going audience a real theatrical experience usually difficult to express on screen."

Other "Little Voice" cast members get high praise from Horrocks. She regards Michael Caine, who plays a down-at-the heels agent, as "a true professional and marvelous to work with."

She admires Brenda Blethyn for "doing such a terrific job as the domineering mother, even though she had only one day of rehearsal because of prior commitments."

Regarding handsome Ewan McGregor, Horrocks exclaims, "I wondered how you could make him look plain enough for his role! It's a tribute to Ewan and the make-up artist that he comes across so convincingly as a shy phone repairman."

Horrocks also captivates the audience as a character unlike herself in real life.

"Thank heavens I'm not a bit like Little Voice. I didn't have a miserable upbringing. I had wonderful parents," proclaims this concerned mother of a 17-month-old son.

Ending the interview with a description of the film's message, the intelligent actress points out, "This story shows there is hope for everyone. Miracles can happen, and people can find themselves at the end of the day."

Moviegoers who see Jane Horrocks in "Little Voice" (opening locally on Christmas Day) will find one of these miracles.

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Letters to the Editor

What's his motive?

Steve Baldwin's introduction of AB-4, "Matthew's Law," on the opening day of the 1999 legislative year, is political grandstanding at its very worst.

Anyone can muster votes when the heart of the community is heavy and passion runs wild.

We, as a community, must be more civilized than the perpetrator of this awful crime, when we make the decision to take a human life, we must act from our intellect, not from our base animalistic instincts.

Isn't the life of a 15 year-old or my 70 year-old grandma, just as important as the life of 7 year-old "Matthew?" Yes.

When we chose to protect a certain group of people because of their age, aren't we making the lives of all other groups less significant? Yes.

Would "Matthew's Law" have kept Matthew alive? No.

A mandatory death sentence, dictated by legislators who know nothing about the facts and live or work hundreds of miles from the scene of the crime, is by nature arbitrary and capricious.

Steve Baldwin likes to send messages. Well, how about this one?

Why don't we send a message to our legislators that we are tired of them capitalizing on our personal tragedies.

We are tired of them fattening their political coffers on our misfortune. We want them to get down to the hard work necessary to ensure our public safety.

It is easy for politicians to declare their support for the death penalty as a way of appearing to be tough on crime.

It is not as easy to take on issues at the root of crime: poverty, substance abuse, mental illness and the vicious cycle of violence and abuse some are born into.

Instead of mandatory "state killing": How about budget allocations for increased police officers and security patrols; how about state money for more "family bathroom" facilities; or how about early intervention programs to assist educators in identifying psychopaths before they commit these terrible acts of violence?

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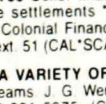

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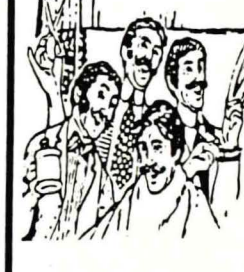

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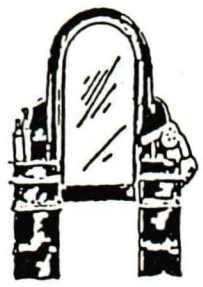

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